

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **CONFERENCE**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN SENATOR KEN MILLER**, on April 15, 1999  
at 1:00 P.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Ken Miller, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Lorents Grosfield (R)  
Sen. Mike Halligan (D)  
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)  
Rep. Dan McGee (R)  
Rep. Jeff Mangan (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Legal Staffer, David Ness & Connie Erickson

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Conference Committee:HB 269, 4/15/1999

**Opening by Sen. Miller, and clarification to Sen. Grosfield as a new member of the Committee.**

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 1 - 16}*

**Rep. Molnar clarifies.**

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**Rep. Molnar questions Mr. Hunter.**

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 83 - 101}*

**Rep. Mangan and Sen. Grosfield discuss the role of attorney/advocate.**

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Rep. Molnar clarifies and testifies with statistics.

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Sen. Grosfield responds with questions to clarify.

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 246 - 258}*

Rep. Molnar answers.

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 259 - 279}*

Sen. Miller speaks to rule making authority.

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 280 - 298}*

Sen. Halligan questions Rep. Molnar comparing rule making verses statute. Which one will cause the least amount of trauma.

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 300 - 358}*

Mr. Hunter responds to Departments role in rule making.

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 360 - 399}*

Rep. Mangan wants to discuss grassroots concept of total bill.

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 400 - 542}*

Sen. Grosfield comments; his main concern is more structure and better guidelines.

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 543 - 589}*

Sen. Grosfield and Mr. Hunter discuss practical application of bill and amendment.

*{Tape : 1; Side : A & B; Approx. Tape Counter : 590 - 614}*

Sen. Halligan questions Mr. Hunter.

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 615 - 621}*

Rep. Molnar questions Sen. Grosfield.

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 623 - 670}*

Rep. McGee questions Mr. Hunter, then Rep. McGee summarizes that the Dept. is not neutral. They will implement a program, and the Legislature is responsible to give direction.

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Sen. Miller, Rep. Molnar and Mr. Hunter discuss.

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Discussion between Sen. Grosfield and Rep. Molnar.

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Rep. Mangan wants further and more specific clarification.

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Sen. Miller explains his support in this bill is putting the child's needs first.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 795 - 802}

Rep. Molnar agrees about mandating putting child first and critical need for this Legislation.

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Sen. Grosfield addresses the need to go to the Senate Amendments and working way back; Rep. McGee and Sen. Miller agree.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 820 - 840}

Discussion between Rep. Molnar, Rep. McGee, Sen. Miller, Rep. Mangan and Sen. Grosfield concerning details to be considered.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 843 - 997}

Sen. Miller clarifies difference between advocate as a 'calmer - downer verses a lawyer.

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Discussion between Rep. McGee and Sen. Grosfield.

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Mr. Hunter clarifies.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 126 - 139}

Sen. Miller suggests we continue at a later Tape and date because we are out of Tape, this session.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 2:00 P.M.

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REP. BRAD MOLNAR, Chairman

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LINDA L. SCOTT, Secretary

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